

20 February 1953

25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : 

1. The letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, dated 3 February 1953, stated:

"With respect to construction: It is the policy to proceed only with those projects which are deemed clearly essential in terms of the objectives of this administration and on such projects to employ the strictest standards of economy. Each department and agency head is therefore directed to:

- a. Review all proposed or authorized construction projects on which work has not yet begun, and to propose initiation of construction during the remainder of the fiscal year 1953 and the fiscal year 1954 only on those projects which he determines meet the above criteria."

2. The members of the Project Review Committee, which met on 11 February 1953 to consider subject project, were well aware of the Bureau of the Budget instructions. It is my opinion that, therefore, we have complied with the instructions to review all proposed construction and that, in line with the policy of the Administration, we have determined this project essential.

3. I, therefore, consider no further review or action within CIA necessary before you can properly approve this project.

/s/
L. K. WHITEActing Deputy Director
(Administration)

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